REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Christman for the attention and patience given to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/901,797. It is respectfully requested that this first preliminary amendment be entered before examination of this divisional application.

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment and Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-0426 in the name of Patricia R. Beckman, of which I am an authorized user.

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